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SUBJECT: KUWAIT PROVIDES MEDICAL CARE FOR WOUNDED YEMENIS

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[1](#). (U) Kuwaiti news media widely reported on December 12 the arrival in Kuwait for medical treatment of 20 Yemeni civilians allegedly injured by rebel fighting in Yemen's Saada province. Press accounts noted that the victims were transported from Yemen on a Kuwaiti medical evacuation aircraft. All 20 are being treated at Jaber Ahmad Al-Sabah Hospital, Yemeni Embassy Counselor Intisar Al-Noman confirmed to Embassy on December 15.

[2](#). (U) Comment: The GOK routinely uses hospital diplomacy to aid its policy goals, to include highly publicized treatment of Palestinians and Iraqis (reftels), and now Yemenis. The message in this case is clearly one of support for Yemeni President Saleh, a trope that featured prominently in the Amir's speech to the GCC earlier this week. End comment.

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